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SUBJECT: Lecture and Book Signing at Brookfield Museum June 2:
Forsaken Heroes of the Pacific War: One Man's True Story

Date and Time of Event: Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Location: Brookfield Museum located at 165 Whisconier Road, Brookfield Center (intersection of Route 25 and 133).

Brief Description: On Monday evening, June 2, 2014 at 7:30 PM, in conjunction with the recent Memorial Day commemoration, the Brookfield Historical Society will host a lecture and book signing at the Brookfield Museum. Danbury authors, Don Morrow and co-writer Kevin Moore, will discuss the story of WWII Japanese captive, U.S. Army Major Albert Brown, whose life and wartime experiences are documented in their publication, *Forsaken Hero's of the Pacific War: One Man's True Story*.

As a prisoner of war Brown survived beatings, torture and being stabbed with a bayonet. His back and neck were broken, and he suffered about 15 serious tropical diseases. He passed away at the age of 106, and until his death in 2011 Brown was the nation's oldest confirmed living World War II veteran at the time and also the oldest confirmed survivor of the Bataan Death March of 1942. According to Morrow, "We felt his story was so incredible that it needed to be told".

Morrow met Brown in the 1980s in California. They became friends and Brown, who lived in Illinois, shared some of his past with Morrow, also a World War II veteran. Morrow, a well-known voice actor, asked Moore to join him in writing Brown's story. Morrow observed "His story is one of hope for today's returning wounded warriors. His determination to survive, his lesson of recovery, his resolve and desire to plunge back into life after the war is a story as relevant for today's veterans as it is for those of his generation." The program is free and complimentary refreshments will be served. The Museum is located at the intersection of Routes 25 and 133 in Brookfield Center. For more information on other upcoming programs of the Brookfield Historical Society log onto www.brookfieldcthistory.org.